Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 26 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 27 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 25 Jan 2022 at 16:38 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for synoptic situation and details Wednesday and Thursday, but medium for extent of cloud and hill fog Wednesday morning. Low for rainfall details Friday and Sunday.

Headline for Wednesday 26 Jan 2022: A mainly dry but breezy start, with strong gale force winds and persistent rain arriving late-morning.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 26 Jan 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG					
Fog	Fog	Fog	Drizzle	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	20%	50%	60%	90%	60%	50%

Forecast for Wednesday 26 Jan 2022

Weather: Patchy cloud and isolated hill fog overnight and into Wednesday morning, becoming more widespread by midday with some light rain/drizzle and summit snow, particularly for the Nevis Ranges and the north. Turning more persistent through the afternoon with a period of 4-5 hours rain, and occasionally turning heavy. Widespread gale or severe gales through the afternoon, and possible storm force winds. Rain clearing south through the evening but staying windy with blustery showers for the northern hills.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% through the morning. Lowering 10% or less through the afternoon.

Visibility: Poor in hill fog with cloud down to 600 m in the east and 400 m in the west and in rain. Otherwise good lowering moderate in rain through the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/35 SW	28/36 SW	34/44 SW	34/45 SW	43/57 SW	56/73 SW	53/70 SW	43/60 W	38/52 W
900	20/27 W	22/29 W	23/33 SW	26/36 SW	29/42 SW	36/52 SW	35/51 SW	32/49 W	27/41 W
600	20/27 SW	23/31 SW	29/38 SW	31/41 SW	38/51 SW	46/62 SW	42/58 SW	34/50 W	29/42 W
300	10/15 SW	12/19 SW	12/18 SW	16/26 SW	22/34 SW	26/41 SW	24/39 SW	19/34 W	16/28 W
Glen	8/18 SW	9/19 SW	8/17 SW	12/27 SW	18/35 SW	21/42 SW	19/40 SW	16/34 W	14/31 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-8	-2/-10	-1/-10	0/-8	1/-8	1/-8	2/-6	1/-8	-1/-10
900	2/-4	1/-5	1/-5	2/-4	2/-4	3/-4	4/-2	4/-3	2/-6
600	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	5/-2	5/-2	7/0	6/-1	4/-3
300	6/3	6/3	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/1	8/4	8/4	6/2
Glen	8/6	7/5	7/5	8/5	8/4	8/4	10/6	10/6	8/5
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	1100m	1300m	1600m	2100m	1900m	1300m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Expect a notable wind chill through the afternoon with a combined effect of persistent rain and gale to storm force winds. Maximum gusts speeds may reach 85 mph on exposed summits, especially in the Nevis Ranges and Ben More.

Forecast for Thursday 27 Jan 2022

Weather: Blustery showers with spells of brighter conditions. These showers will fall as snow above 400 m and may be heavy at times through the morning, before easing later in the afternoon as the strong or gale force northwesterly wind becomes fresh to strong.

Maximum wind: West to northwest 35-40 mph gusting 55 mph overnight and into Thursday morning, easing later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%

Visibility: Very good away from intermittent hill fog in snow showers, where cloud will lower to 500 m with poor visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to plus 4 around midday.
At 800m: Minus 2
Freezing level: 700 m in northeast, 900 m in southwest.

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